MACKINAC ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

September 25, 2008

Board of Education Mackinac Island Public School Mackinac Island, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of *Mackinac Island Public School* (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the budgetary comparisons for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

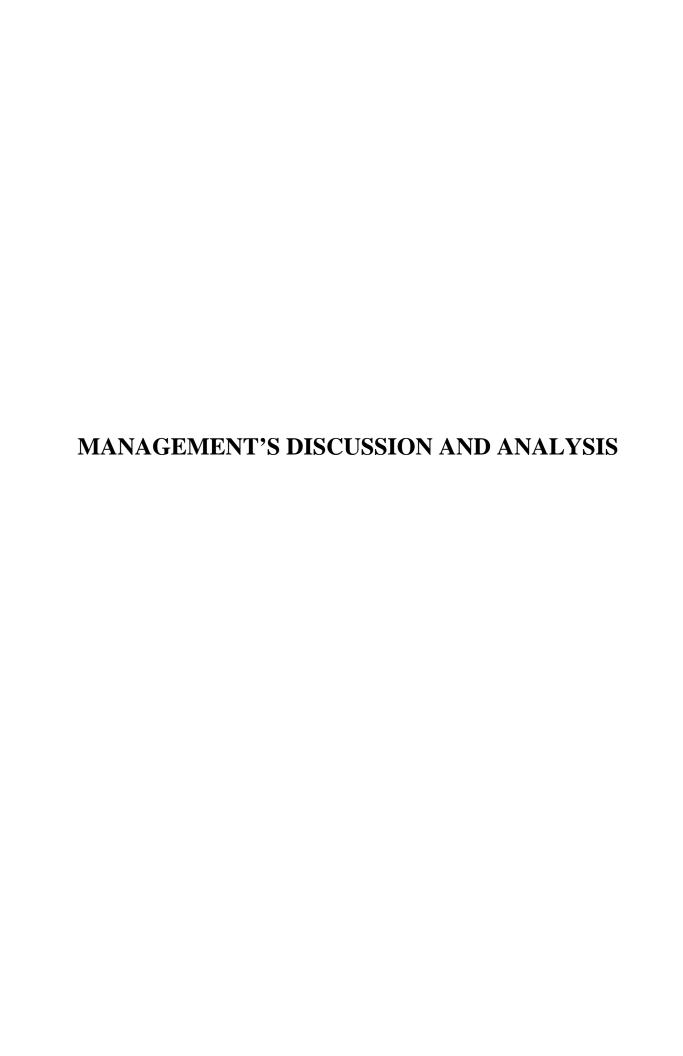
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 25, 2008, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages I-VI is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the District. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the *Mackinac Island Public School* (the "District"), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$1,503,401 (*net assets*). The District's net capital assets exceeded the debt obligations in the amount of \$126,718, resulting in unrestricted net assets of \$1,376,683, which may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations.
- The District's total net assets increased by \$110,482.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1,397,894, an increase of \$35,441 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 90%, or \$1,259,000, is available for spending at the District's discretion (unreserved fund balance).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,257,376 or 96% percent of total General Fund expenditures (excluding transfers out).

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) District-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

District-wide financial statements. The *District-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets*. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the District's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of the District-wide financial statements present functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, supporting services, payments to other public schools, food services and athletics. The District has no business-type activities as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 3-4 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the District-wide financial statements. However, unlike the District-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the District-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the District-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The District maintains four individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and the 1999 School Building and Site Construction Debt Service Fund which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other two governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund herein to demonstrate compliance with that budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 5-9 of this report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the District-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the District's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 10-11 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 12-24 of this report.

Other information. The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds are presented immediately following the notes to the financial statements. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found on pages 25-34 of this report.

District-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a District's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded its liabilities by \$1,503,401 at the close of the fiscal 2008.

The District's net assets reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to the students it serves; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Mackinac Island Public School Net Assets

	Government	al Activities
	2008	2007
Assets Current assets Capital assets, net of	\$1,448,668	\$1,425,091
accumulated depreciation	2,031,718	2,089,110
Total assets	3,480,386	3,514,201
Liabilities Current liabilities Long-term liabilities	200,811 1,776,174	208,508 1,912,774
Total liabilities	1,976,985	2,121,282
Net assets Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted	126,718 _1,376,683	59,110 1,333,809
Total net assets	<u>\$1,503,401</u>	<u>\$1,392,919</u>

The District's net assets increased by \$110,482 during the current fiscal year.

Mackinac Island Public School Changes in Net Assets

	Governmen	tal Activities
	2008	2007
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 23,141	\$ 13,421
Operating grants and contributions	53,398	25,678
General revenues		
Property taxes	1,403,602	1,357,182
State school aid	117,765	123,447
Unrestricted investment earnings	50,347	<u>71,726</u>
Total revenues	1,648,253	1,591,454
Expenses		
Instruction	818,363	781,715
Support services	503,379	477,108
Payments to other public schools	5,779	4,001
Food services	51,265	43,624
Athletics	20,342	12,604
Interest on long-term debt	84,415	89,777
Depreciation – unallocated	54,228	54,229
Total expenses	1,537,771	1,463,058
Change in net assets	110,482	128,396
Net assets, beginning of year	1,392,919	1,264,523
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$1,503,401</u>	<u>\$1,392,919</u>

Of the District's total revenues available to operate the District, approximately 1.4% or \$23,141 came from fees charged to those who benefited from the programs. Approximately 3.2% or \$53,398 came from other governments or organizations that subsidize certain programs with grants and other directed types of funding.

Local property taxes, in the amount of approximately \$1,403,602 million, mainly supported the remaining portion of the governmental activities. The property tax revenue represents 7.3 mills on all non-homestead property. The unrestricted state aid accounted for approximately 7.1% or \$117,765 of the revenue available. This revenue is determined by a formula that incorporates pupil head count, the annual per pupil allowance and the non-homestead property taxable value of the District.

Being in the business of educating children, the largest expenses were incurred in instruction, which accounted for approximately \$818,000 or 53.2% of total expenses. Support services amounted to approximately \$503,000 or 32.7% of total expenses, which includes such items as administration, transportation, maintenance and a variety of similar services that support the District's mission of educating children.

The District experienced an increase in net assets of \$110,482 or approximately 7.9%. This increase in net assets differs from the change in fund balance and a reconciliation appears later in the financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, *unreserved fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1,397,894, an increase of \$35,441 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 90% of this total amount or \$1,259,634 constitutes *unreserved fund balance*, which is available for spending at the District's discretion. Of the reserved fund balance, approximately \$89,000 is reserved for debt service and approximately \$49,584 is reserved for future capital projects.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the General Fund was \$1,257,376, while total fund balance was \$1,306,960. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance and total fund balance represent approximately 94% and 98%, respectively of total General Fund expenditures (excluding transfers out).

The fund balance of the District's General Fund increased by \$34,008 during the current fiscal year. This increase is primarily attributable to the same factors that increased net assets, which were described above.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Generally, as additional information became known during the fiscal year, budget amendments are made as deemed necessary. No significant budget amendments were made during fiscal 2008.

The following were the difference between the final amended budget and actual results (all numbers are approximate):

- Local sources of revenue were \$1,261,015 rather than the \$1,234,104 final amended budgeted amount attributable mainly to an underestimate of property taxes to be collected by the District.
- State sources of revenue were \$115,178 rather than the \$90,000 final amended budgeted amount attributable to an underestimate of the Isolated District Grant to be received by the District.
- The District did not budget for federal revenues which were provided to the District in the amount of \$37,918.

- Instructional costs were \$823,699 rather than the \$803,428 final amended budget amount attributable mainly to salaries in secondary education.
- Support services were \$502,179 rather than the \$483,731 final amended budget amount attributable mainly to additional purchased services related to the library.
- Payments to other public schools were \$5,779 rather than \$12,000 as certain planned contractual services were not incurred.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2008, amounted to \$2,031,718 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes buildings and furniture and equipment. The land on which the school is built is owned by the City of Mackinac Island.

Mackinac Island Public School Capital Assets

(net of depreciation)

	2008	2007
Buildings and improvements Furniture and equipment	\$2,004,362 27,356	\$2,058,590 30,520
Net capital assets	<u>\$2,031,718</u>	<u>\$2,089,110</u>

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note III C on page 19 of this report.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had total bonded debt outstanding of \$1,905,000. The District's total debt decreased by \$131,600 (6.4%) during the current fiscal year. Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note III F on page 21-22 of this report.

Factors Bearing on the District's Future

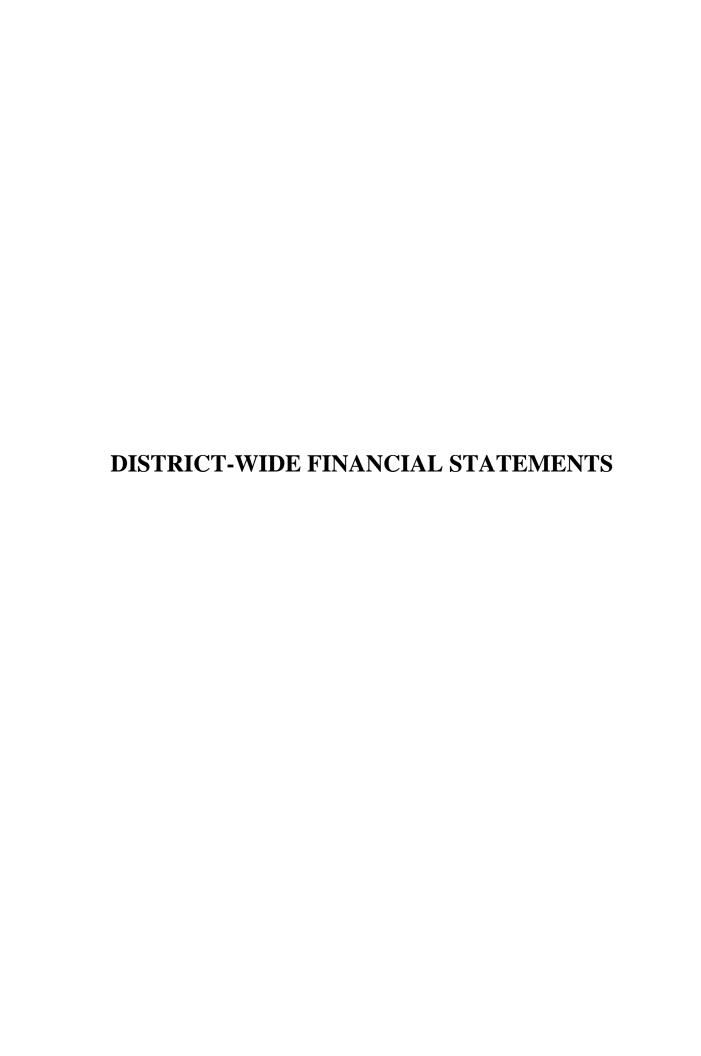
The following factors were considered in preparing the District's budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year:

- Property tax increases consistent with the past several years.
- Wage and health insurance increases.
- Fascia repairs anticipated to cost approximately \$50,000.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Superintendent, Mackinac Island Public School, Mackinac Island, MI.





STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

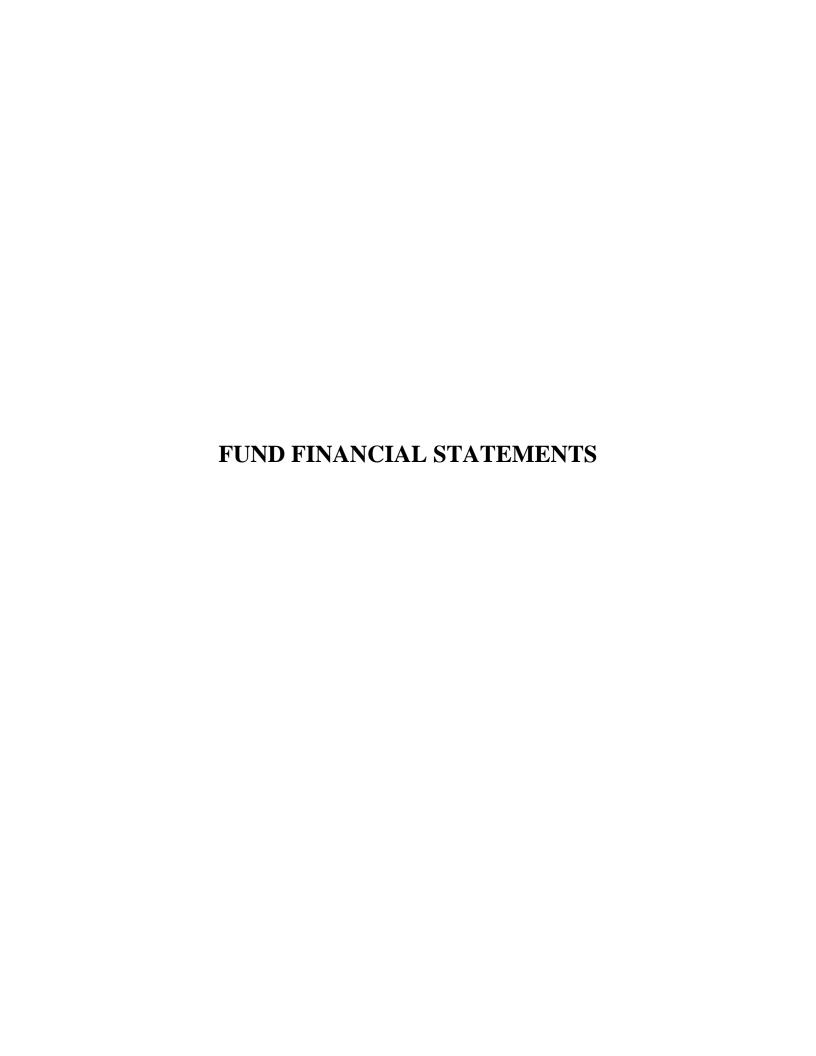
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Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,392,362
Receivables	56,306
Capital assets, net	 2,031,718
Total assets	 3,480,386
Liabilities	
Payables	64,211
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	136,600
Due in more than one year	 1,776,174
Total liabilities	 1,976,985
Net assets	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	126,718
Unrestricted	 1,376,683
Total net assets	\$ 1,503,401

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

				Progran				
						perating		
			C	charges	Gr	ants and	Ne	t (Expense)
Functions / Programs	Expenses		for	Services	Contributions			Revenue
Governmental activities								
Instruction	\$	818,363	\$	-	\$	29,056	\$	(789,307)
Supporting services		503,379		11,836		15,848		(475,695)
Payments to other public schools		5,779		-		-		(5,779)
Food services		51,265		11,305		8,494		(31,466)
Athletics		20,342		-		-		(20,342)
Interest on long-term debt		84,415		-		-		(84,415)
Depreciation - unallocated		54,228						(54,228)
Total governmental activities	\$	1,537,771	\$	23,141	\$	53,398		(1,461,232)
General revenues								
Property taxes - operations								1,195,403
Property taxes - debt service								208,199
State aid								117,765
Unrestricted investment earnings								50,347
Total general revenues								1,571,714
Change in net assets								110,482
Net assets, beginning of year								1,392,919
Net assets, end of year							\$	1,503,401



BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2008

	General	Bu Site (999 School alding and Construction bbt Service Fund	Non- Major Funds	Go	Total vernmental Fund
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,303,729	\$	88,676	\$ (43)	\$	1,392,362
Accounts receivable	-		-	4,110		4,110
Due from other funds	1,809		-	-		1,809
Due from other governmental units	 52,196			 		52,196
Total assets	\$ 1,357,734	\$	88,676	\$ 4,067	\$	1,450,477
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$ 6,600	\$	-	\$ -	\$	6,600
Salaries payable	44,174		-	-		44,174
Due to other funds	 -			 1,809		1,809
Total liabilities	 50,774			1,809		52,583
Fund balances						
Reserved						
Debt service	-		88,676	-		88,676
Capital projects	49,584		-	-		49,584
Unreserved						
Undesignated Special Revenue Funds	-		-	2,258		2,258
Undesignated General Fund	 1,257,376			 		1,257,376
Total fund balances	 1,306,960		88,676	 2,258		1,397,894
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 1,357,734	\$	88,676	\$ 4,067	\$	1,450,477

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BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2008

	fund balance on the balance sheet for governmental funds to net assets of activities on the statement of net assets	
Fund balances -	total governmental funds	\$ 1,397,894
Amounts report	ed for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because	
•	used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not ported in the funds	
Add	- capital assets	2,851,720
Deduct	- accumulated depreciation	(820,002)
	ties, such as bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and rted in the funds	
Deduct	- bonds payable	(1,905,000)
	- early retirement incentive	(7,774)
	- accrued interest on bonds payable	 (13,437)
Net assets of gove	ernmental activities	\$ 1,503,401
		Concluded

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these basic financial statements.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Ger	eral	Bu Site	999 School ailding and Construction ebt Service Fund	Non- Major Funds	Go	Total vernmental Funds
Revenues							
Local sources							
Property taxes	\$ 1,	195,403	\$	208,199	\$ -	\$	1,403,602
Charges for services		-		-	11,305		11,305
Interest income		46,790		3,482	75		50,347
Other income		27,684		-	-		27,684
State sources		115,178		-	2,587		117,765
Federal sources		29,056			 8,494		37,550
Total revenues	1,	414,111		211,681	 22,461		1,648,253
Expenditures							
Instruction		323,699		_	-		823,699
Supporting services	;	502,179		-	-		502,179
Payments to other public schools		5,779		-	-		5,779
Food services		-		-	50,565		50,565
Athletics		-		-	20,342		20,342
Debt service				-			
Principal		-		125,000	-		125,000
Interest		-		85,248	 -		85,248
Total expenditures	1,	331,657		210,248	 70,907		1,612,812
Revenues over (under) expenditures		82,454		1,433	(48,446)		35,441
Other financing sources (uses)							
Transfers in		-		_	48,446		48,446
Transfers out		(48,446)			 <u> </u>		(48,446)
Total other financing (uses) sources		(48,446)	. <u></u>		 48,446		
Net change in fund balances		34,008		1,433	-		35,441
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,	272,952		87,243	 2,258		1,362,453
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,	306,960	\$	88,676	\$ 2,258	\$	1,397,894

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	f the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in of governmental funds to the statement of activities	
Net change in t	Fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 35,441
Amounts repor	ted for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because	
activities, t	al funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of he cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported tion expense.	
Deduct	- depreciation expense	(57,392)
but issuing bond princ	ds provide current financial resources to governmental funds in the period issued, bonds increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of ipal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces liabilities in the statement of net assets.	
Add	- principal payments on long-term liabilities	125,000
-	ses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current esources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the funds.	
Add	 decrease in accrual for early retirement incentive decrease in accrued interest payable on bonds 	 6,600 833
Change in net as	ssets of governmental activities	\$ 110,482

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

		Buc	lget			Ai I Va	ctual to mended Budget criance - cositive
	Original A			Amended	 Actual	(N	egative)
Revenues							
Local sources	\$	1,234,104	\$	1,234,104	\$ 1,269,877	\$	35,773
State sources		90,000		90,000	115,178		25,178
Federal sources					 29,056		29,056
Total revenues		1,324,104		1,324,104	 1,414,111		90,007
Expenditures							
Education							
Instruction		803,428		803,428	823,699		(20,271)
Supporting services		483,479		483,731	502,179		(18,448)
Payments to other public schools		12,000		12,000	 5,779		6,221
Total expenditures		1,298,907		1,299,159	 1,331,657		(32,498)
Revenues over (under) expenditures		25,197		24,945	82,454		57,509
Other financing uses							
Transfers out		(46,900)		(46,900)	 (48,446)	-	(1,546)
Net change in fund balance		(21,703)		(21,955)	34,008		55,963
Fund balance, beginning of year		1,272,952		1,272,952	 1,272,952		
Fund balance, end of year	\$	1,251,249	\$	1,250,997	\$ 1,306,960	\$	55,963

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

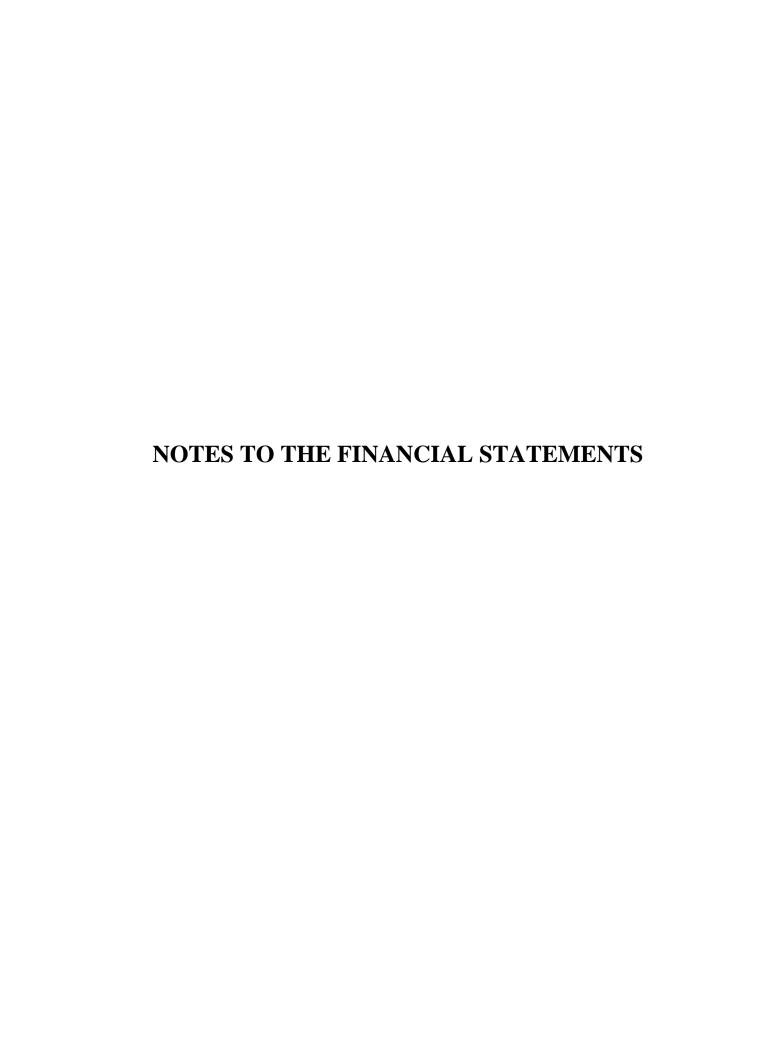
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	Priv Purp Trust 1	ose	Agency Fund	
Assets				
Cash	\$	22,601	\$	31,533
Investments	1	07,076		-
Total assets	1	29,677	\$	31,533
Liabilities				
Due to student groups			\$	31,533
Net assets, restricted for scholarships	\$ 1	29,677		

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Additions	
Contributions	\$ 1,000
Investment earnings	 5,955
Total additions	6,955
Deductions Scholarships	 4,707
Change in net assets	2,248
Net assets, beginning of year	 127,429
Net assets, end of year	\$ 129,677



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting entity

Mackinac Island Public School (the "District") has followed the guidelines of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 14 and has determined that no entities should be consolidated into its basic financial statements as component units. Therefore, the reporting entity consists of the primary government financial statements only. The criteria for including a component unit include significant operational or financial relationships with the District.

B. District-wide and fund financial statements

The District-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The District had no *business-type activities* during the year ended 2008.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the District-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

The District-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources* measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting as are the fiduciary fund financial statements, except for agency funds, which do not have a measurement focus. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial* resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The District reports the *General Fund* as a major governmental fund. The *General Fund* is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The major 1999 School Building and Site Construction Debt Service Fund accounts for the principal and interest payments on the bonds used to finance the 1999 construction project in the District.

Additionally, the District reports the following fund types:

The *Special Revenue Funds* account for the food service and athletic programs sponsored by the District.

The *Fiduciary Funds* account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or an agent on behalf of others. Trust funds account for assets held by the District under the terms of a formal trust agreement. Fiduciary funds are not included in the District-wide financial statements.

The *Private Purpose Trust Funds* are accounted for using the accrual method of accounting. Private Purpose Trust Funds account for assets whereby both the principal and interest may be spent.

The *Agency Fund* is custodial in nature and does not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. The Agency Fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. This fund is used to account for assets that the District holds in an agency capacity (primarily student activities).

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Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the District-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided and 2) operating grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

The effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the District-wide financial statements.

D. Assets, liabilities and equity

1. Deposits and investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments are reported at fair value.

2. Receivables and payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). There were no interfund advance loans outstanding at June 30, 2008.

3. Capital assets

Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the District-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Capital assets of the District are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings and improvements	20-50
Furniture and equipment	5-20

4. Long-term obligations

In the District-wide financial statements, long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net assets. Where applicable, bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

5. Termination benefits

Early Retirement Incentive

Occasionally, the District offers special incentives to employees during a brief period to encourage early retirement. All early retirement incentives are accrued when incurred in the District-wide statements.

6. Fund equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the General Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

The General Fund is under formal budgetary control. Budgets shown in the financial statements are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and are not significantly different from the modified accrual basis used to reflect actual results, and consist only of those amounts contained in the formal budget as originally adopted or as amended by the Board of Education. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a functional basis.

Expenditures in the General Fund in excess of budget are as follows:

Instruction	
Secondary	\$ 30,212
Supporting Services	
Library	19,467
Executive administration	6,359
Fiscal services	691
Operations and maintenance	5512
Transfers out	1,546

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Deposits and investments

A reconciliation of cash and investments as shown on the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets follows:

Statement of Net Assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,392,362
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets Private Purpose Trust Funds	
Cash and cash equivalents Investments	22,601 107,076
Agency Fund Cash and cash equivalents	31,533
Total Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets	161,210
Total cash and cash equivalents and investments	<u>\$1,553,572</u>

All of the above balances are considered to be deposits for disclosure purposes.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. State law does not require and the District does not have a policy for deposit custodial risk. As of the year ended June 30, 2008, \$1,373,560 of the District's bank balance of \$1,573,560 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

The District believes that due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits and the limits of FDIC insurance, it is impractical to insure all bank deposits. As a result, the District evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits funds and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

Michigan law authorizes the District to deposit and invest in:

(a) Bonds, bills, or notes of the United States; obligations, the principal and interest of which are fully guaranteed by the United States; or obligations of the State. In a primary or fourth class school district, the bonds, bills, or notes shall be payable at the option of the holder upon not more than 90 days notice or, if not so payable, shall have maturity dates not more than 5 years after the purchase dates.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- (b) Certificates of deposit insured by a state or national bank, savings accounts of a state or federal savings and loan association, or certificates of deposit or share certificates of a state or federal credit union organized and authorized to operate in this state.
- (c) Commercial paper rated prime at the time of purchase and maturing not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.
- (d) Securities issued or guaranteed by agencies or instrumentalities of the United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, and bankers' acceptance issued by a bank that is a member of the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (e) Mutual funds composed entirely of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a school district.
- **(f)** Investment pools, as authorized by the surplus funds investment pool act, composed entirely of instruments that are legal for direct investment by a school district.

The District's policy allows all of the above types of investments. The District does not have specific policies relating to credit risk, interest rate risk or custodial risk for investments.

B. Receivables

Receivables are comprised of the following:

Total receivables	\$ 56,306
Due from other governmental units	 52,196
Accounts receivable	\$ 4,110

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C. Capital assets

Capital assets activity was as follows for the year ended June 30, 2008:

	Balance July 1, 2007	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2008
Capital assets being depreciated Buildings and				
improvements	\$2,697,787	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,697,787
Furniture and equipment	153,933			153,933
Subtotal	2,851,720			2,851,720
Accumulated depreciation Buildings and				
improvements	(639,197)	(54,228)	-	(693,425)
Equipment	(123,413)	(3,164)		(126,577)
Total accumulated depreciation	(762,610)	(57,392)	_	(820,002)
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$2,089,110	\$ (57,39 <u>2</u>)		\$2,031,718

The land on which the school is built is owned by the City of Mackinac Island.

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Total depreciation expense	\$ 57,392
Depreciation – unallocated	54,228
Food services	700
Support services	1,200
Instructional services	\$ 1,264

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

D. Payables

Payables are comprised of the following:

Total payables	\$ 64,211
Salaries and related payables	 44,174
Interest payable	13,437
Accounts payable	\$ 6,600

E. Interfund receivables, payables and transfers

The following balances represent individual fund interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2008:

	Interfund <u>Receivables</u>	Interfund Payables
Due To/From General fund Nonmajor fund	\$ 1,809	\$ -
Food service fund	<u>-</u> _	1,809
Total	<u>\$ 1,809</u>	<u>\$ 1,809</u>

The District reports interfund balances between certain funds. The sum of all balances presented in the tables above agrees with the sum of interfund balances presented in the balance sheet for governmental funds. These interfund balances resulted primarily from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

For the year ended June 30, 2008, interfund transfers consisted of transfers from the General Fund to the Nonmajor Food Service and Athletics Funds in the amount of \$28,104 and \$20,342, respectively.

Transfers are used to: (1) move revenues from the fund that is required to collect them to the fund that is required or allowed to expend them; (2) move receipts restricted to or allowed for debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due; and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

For the year ended June 30, 2008, the District transferred funds to subsidize the food service and athletics programs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

F. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt of the District consists of the following:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amount Due Within One Year
Bonds payable					
General obligation debt	\$2,030,000	\$ -	\$ (125,000)	\$1,905,000	\$ 130,000
Other liabilities Early retirement					
incentive	14,374		(6,600)	7,774	6,600
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$2,044,374</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (131,600</u>)	<u>\$1,912,774</u>	<u>\$ 136,600</u>

Long-term liabilities at June 30, 2008 are as follows:

Bonds payable

General Obligation Bonds

1999 Building and Construction Bonds,
due through 2019 in annual
installments ranging from \$125,000 to
\$205,000 with interest rates ranging
from 4.00% to 4.35%.

\$1,905,000

Other liabilities

7,774

Total long-term liabilities

\$1,912,774

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Bond debt service requirements

The annual requirements to service the bonds outstanding to maturity, including both principal and interest, are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total	
2009	\$ 130,000	\$ 80,620	\$ 210,620	
2010	140,000	75,420	215,420	
2011	145,000	69,680	214,680	
2012	155,000	63,736	218,736	
2013	165,000	57,342	222,342	
2014-2018	965,000	173,458	1,138,458	
2019	205,000	8,918	213,918	
Total	\$1,905,000	<u>\$ 529,174</u>	<u>\$2,434,174</u>	

Interest expense was \$85,248 for the year ended June 30, 2008.

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries (workers' compensation) as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The District has purchased commercial insurance for general liability, property and casualty and health claims and participates in the MASB/SET-SEG (risk pool) for claims relating to employee injuries/workers' compensation. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The shared-risk pool program in which the District participates operates as a common risk-sharing management program for school districts in Michigan; member premiums are used to purchase commercial excess insurance coverage and to pay member claims in excess of deductible amounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

B. Property taxes

Property taxes are assessed as of December 31, and attach as an enforceable lien on property as of July 1 of the following year. School related property taxes are levied on December 1, each year, based on the previous years assessment, by township governments whose boundaries include property within the District, and are due on February 28. Delinquent real taxes are advanced to the District by the County. Taxes are recorded as revenue in the year levied. Taxes receivable are recorded for property taxes collected within 60 days of year end, if any.

C. Defined benefit pension plan

Plan Description

The District contributes to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Michigan Department of Management and Budget, Office of Retirement Systems. MPSERS provides retirement, survivor and disability benefits, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established and must be amended by state statute.

The Office of Retirement Systems issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for MPSERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, 7150 Harris Drive, P.O. Box 30171, Lansing, Michigan, 48909 or by calling 1-800-381-5111.

Funding Policy

Member Investment Plan (MIP) members enrolled in MIP prior to January 1, 1990 contribute at a permanently fixed rate of 3.9% of gross wages. Members first hired January 1, 1990 or later contribute at the following graduated permanently fixed contribution rate: 3% of the first \$5,000; 3.6% of \$5,001 through \$15,000; 4.3% of all wages over \$15,000. Basic Plan members make no contributions. The District is required to contribute the full actuarial funding contribution amount to fund pension benefits, plus an additional amount to fund retiree health care benefits on a cash disbursement basis.

The current rate is 16.72% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established by Michigan State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature. The District's contributions to MPSERS for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$103,371, \$100,278 and \$99,975 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Other Post-employment Benefits

Retirees have the option of health coverage which is funded on a cash disbursement basis by the District. The State of Michigan has contracted to provide the comprehensive group medical, hearing, dental and vision coverage for retirees and beneficiaries. All health care benefits are on a self-funded basis. A significant portion of the premium is paid by MPSERS with the balance deducted from the monthly pension.

Pension recipients are eligible for fully paid Master Health Plan coverage and 90% paid Dental Plan, Vision Plan and Hearing Plan coverage with the following exceptions:

- 1. Retirees not yet eligible for Medicare coverage pay an amount equal to the Medicare Part B premiums.
- 2. Retirees with less than 30 years of service, who terminate employment after October 31, 1980 with the vested deferred benefits, are eligible for partially employer paid health benefit coverage (no payment if less than 21 years of service).

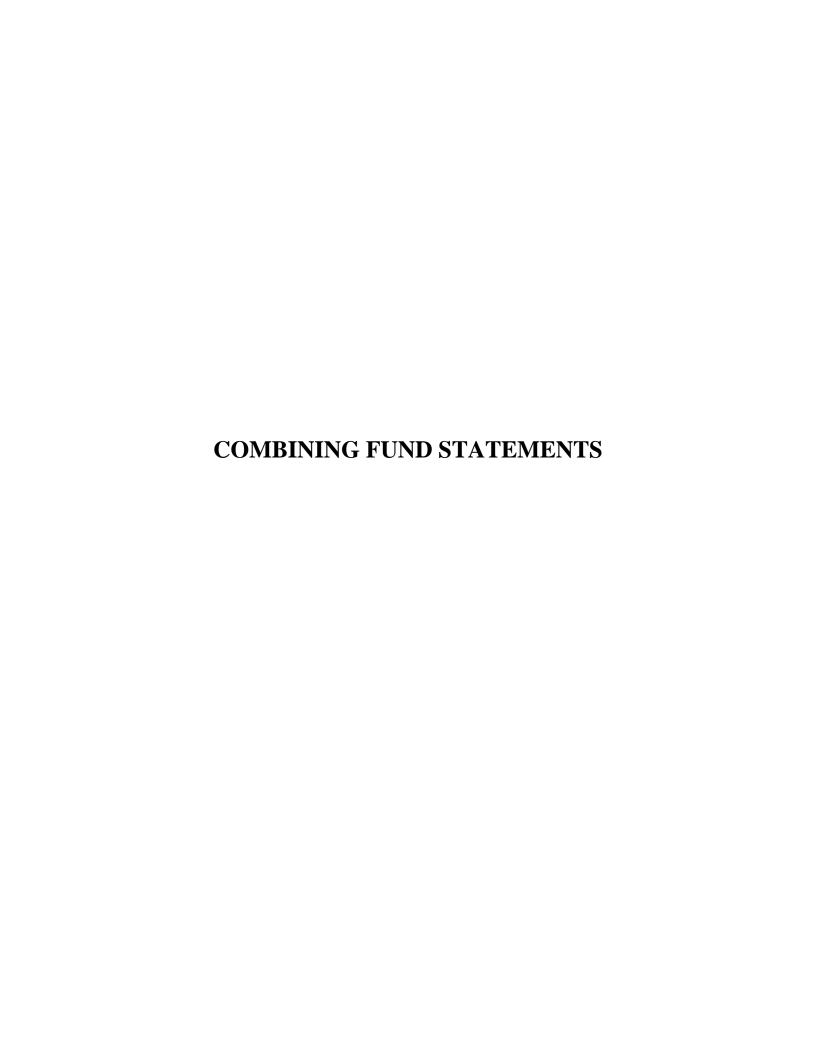
D. Commitments and Contingencies

Under the terms of various Federal and State grants and regulatory requirements, periodic audits are required and certain cost may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the terms of the grants and requirements. Such audits could lead to reimbursement of the grantor or regulatory agencies. However, management does not believe such disallowances, if any, would be material to the financial position of the District.

As is the case with other entities, the District faces exposure from potential claims and legal proceedings involving environmental matters. No such claims or proceedings have been asserted as of June 30, 2008.

The District is a reimbursing employer to the Michigan Employment Security Commission and as such is responsible to pay the Commission for all benefits paid and charged to the District. As of June 30, 2008 appropriate liabilities have been recorded for all claims paid by the Commission which have been submitted to the District. However, no provision has been made for future payments that might result from claims unprocessed or unfiled.

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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2008

	Special Revenue Funds Food Service Athletics				Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$	(43) 4,110	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	(43) 4,110
Total assets	\$	4,067	\$		\$	4,067
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities Due to other funds	\$	1,809	\$	-	\$	1,809
Fund balances						
Unreserved, undesignated		2,258				2,258
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	4,067	\$		\$	4,067

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	Special Revenue Funds Food Service Athletics				Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds		
Revenues	 bervice	Au	neucs		runus		
Local sources							
Charges for services	\$ 11,305	\$	_	\$	11,305		
Interest income	75		-		75		
State sources	2,587		-		2,587		
Federal sources	 8,494				8,494		
Total revenues	 22,461				22,461		
Expenditures							
Food services	50,565		-		50,565		
Athletics	 -		20,342		20,342		
Total expenditures	 50,565		20,342		70,907		
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(28,104)		(20,342)		(48,446)		
Other financing sources							
Transfers in	 28,104		20,342		48,446		
Changes in fund balances	-		-		-		
Fund balances, beginning of year	 2,258				2,258		
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 2,258	\$		\$	2,258		

BALANCE SHEET GENERAL FUND

JUNE 30, 2008

ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,303,729
Due from other funds		1,809
Due from other governmental units		52,196
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	1,357,734
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	6,600
Salaries payable		44,174
Total liabilities		50,774
Fund balance		
Reserved for capital improvements		49,584
Unreserved, undesignated		1,257,376
Total fund balance		1,306,960
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	1,357,734

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES GENERAL FUND

Revenues	
Local sources	
Property taxes	\$ 1,195,403
Interest	46,790
Other local revenue	27,684
Total local sources	1,269,877
State sources	115,178
Federal sources	29,056
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,414,111</u>

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Expenditures	
Instruction	
Basic programs	
Elementary	
Salaries	\$ 256,210
Employee benefits	136,229
Purchased services	7,553
Supplies and materials	12,732
Total elementary	412,724
Secondary	
Salaries	206,510
Employee benefits	114,526
Purchased services	7,339
Supplies and materials	6,471
Capital outlay	923
Total secondary	335,769
Total basic programs	748,493
Added needs	
Special education	
Salaries	34,056
Employee benefits	23,921
Purchased services	17,229
Total special education	75,206
Total instruction	823,699
Supporting services	
Instructional staff	
Library	
Salaries	2,276
Employee benefits	433
Purchased services	16,236
Supplies and materials	830
Capital outlay	42,227
Total library	62,002

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Supplies and materials	\$ 815
Supplies and materials	φ 013
Total instructional staff	62,817
General administration	
Board of education	
Salaries	3,045
Purchased services	13,973
Total board of education	17,018
Executive administration	
Salaries	124,547
Purchased services	12,345
Employee benefits	64,092
Supplies and materials	8,831
Other	2,746
Total executive administraiton	212,561
Total general administration	229,579
Business	
Fiscal services	
Salaries	7,391
Supplies and materials	2,000
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Total fiscal services	
Total fiscal services Total business	9,391
	9,391
Total business	9,391 9,391 43,374
Total business Operations and maintenance	9,391
Total business Operations and maintenance Salaries	9,391 9,391 43,374 36,104
Total business Operations and maintenance Salaries Employee benefits	9,391 9,391 43,374 36,104 28,237
Operations and maintenance Salaries Employee benefits Purchased services	9,391 9,391 43,374

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES GENERAL FUND

Pupil transportatin	
Purchased services	\$ 17,586
Total supporting services	502,179
Payments to other public schools	
ITV tuition costs	5,779
Total expenditures	1,331,657
Other financing uses	
Transfer out	48,446
Total expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 1,380,103
	Concluded

COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2008

		Private Purpose Trusts				Total Private
	Sch	lla King olarship Fund	John Franks Scholarship Fund		Purpose Trust Funds	
Assets Cash and cash equivalents Investments	\$	7,130 1,000	\$	15,471 106,076	\$	22,601 107,076
Net assets, restricted for scholarships	\$	8,130	\$	121,547	\$	129,677

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS

	Stel Scho	Private Pu la King blarship Fund	Purpose Trusts John Franks Scholarship Fund		Total Private Purpose Trust Funds	
Additions						
Contributions	\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	1,000
Investment earnings		100		5,855		5,955
Total additions		1,100		5,855		6,955
Deductions						
Scholarship payments		1,000		3,707		4,707
Change in net assets		100		2,148		2,248
Net assets, beginning of year		8,030		119,399		127,429
Net assets, end of year	\$	8,130	\$	121,547	\$	129,677

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AGENCY FUND

		Balances July 1, 2007 Receipts		Disbursements		Balances June 30, 2008		
ASSETS Cash	\$	30,586	\$	66,482	\$	65,535	\$	31,533
LIABILITIES								
Due to student groups	\$	30,586	\$	66,482	\$	65,535	\$	31,533
The balances at June 30, 2008 consist	of the following	ng						
Due to student groups								
Class of 2006	\$	58	\$	1	\$	-	\$	59
Class of 2007		371		3		80		294
Class of 2008		4,260		6,777		9,942		1,095
Class of 2009		4,504		2,096		567		6,033
Class of 2010		2,278		3,102		2,114		3,266
Class of 2011		1,941		1,212		605		2,548
Project Close-up		1,298		4,558		2,777		3,079
Travel Club		4,787		3,312		2,019		6,080
Kindness Fund		295		3		-		298
Miscellaneous		432		33,149		32,496		1,085
Video Fund		322		3		23		302
Yearbook		1,875		1,239		1,394		1,720
Golf		4,797		42		678		4,161
Sports Boosters		2,086		10,973		12,840		219
Arts Club		1,282		12				1,294
Total	\$	30,586	\$	66,482	\$	65,535	\$	31,533

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

September 25, 2008

Board of Education Mackinac Island Public School Mackinac Island, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of *Mackinac Island Public School* (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated September 25, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control over financial reporting. We consider the deficiencies described below to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting. These deficiencies are referenced as 2008-1, 2008-2, and 2008-3.

Finding 2008-1: Management is unable to produce financial statements in

accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the

United States of America.

Criteria: All Michigan governmental units are required to prepare financial

statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This is a responsibility of the District's management. The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires internal controls over both (1) recording, processing and summarizing account data (i.e., maintaining internal books and records), and (2) reporting government-wide and fund financial statements,

including the related footnotes (i.e., external financial reporting).

Condition: As is the case with many smaller and medium-sized entities, the District

has historically relied on its independent external auditors to assist in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements and footnotes as part of its external financial reporting process. Accordingly, the District's ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP is based, in part, on its reliance on its external auditors, who

cannot by definition be considered part of the District's internal controls.

Cause: This condition was caused by the District's decision that it is more cost

effective to outsource the preparation of its annual financial statements to the auditors than to incur the time and expense of obtaining the necessary training and expertise required for the District to perform this

task internally.

Effect: As a result of this condition, the District lacks internal controls over the

preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and instead relies, in part, on its external auditors for assistance with this

task.

Recommendation: When feasible, the District should consider training internal accounting

personnel to prepare the financial statements.

District's Response: Due principally to state budget cuts and the related negative impact on cash funds available to the District, the hiring of accounting personnel capable of writing the District's financial statements and footnotes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America is cost prohibitive.

Finding 2008-2

Lack of segregation of duties exists in the accounting function due to the limited number of accounting personnel.

Criteria:

All Michigan governments are required to establish internal control with segregation of responsibilities necessary to prevent a misappropriation of assets or fraudulent financial reporting. This is a responsibility of the District's management. Adequate segregation of duties as it relates to the cash cycle of a school district requires separation of the management function, the custody of assets function and the accounting function.

Condition:

The District's staff does not allow for adequate separation of duties. Certain members of the accounting department are responsible for the custody of assets as well as for the accounting of those assets. Further, certain employees holding management positions also collect or disburse cash or account for the transactions of the District.

Cause:

As is the case with many organizations of similar size, the District lacks a sufficient number of accounting personnel in order to ensure a complete segregation of duties within the accounting function.

Effect:

As a result of this condition, the District's system of internal control has safeguards in place to ensure that fraud or abuse is being prevented, specifically in the transactions of the cash cycle. Ideally, no single individual should ever be able to authorize a transaction, record the transaction in the accounting records, and maintain custody of the assets resulting from the transaction. Effectively, proper segregation of duties is intended to prevent an individual from committing an act of fraud or abuse and being able to conceal it.

Recommendation:

While there are, of course, no easy answers to the challenge of balancing the costs and benefits of internal controls and segregation of duties, we would nevertheless encourage management to actively seek ways to further strengthen its internal controls by requiring as much independent review, reconciliation, and approval of accounting transactions by qualified members of management or the Board of Education.

District's Response: As noted above, due to decreased cash flows of the District,

management is unable to employ the number of accounting personnel to attain an adequate separation of duties between management functions, accounting functions and custody of the District's assets. To the extent possible, duties are allocated between accounting personnel to mitigate risk of material misappropriation of assets. In addition, the District's Board of Education assumes a higher level of oversight responsibilities

to mitigate risks related to this lack of segregation of duties.

Finding 2008-3 Recording, processing and summarizing accounting data

Criteria: All governments are required to have in place internal controls over

recording, processing, and summarizing accounting data (i.e.,

maintaining internal books and records).

Condition: As is the case with many smaller and medium-sized entities, the District

has historically relied on its independent external auditors to assist in the recording, processing and summarizing of certain accounting data as part of its external financial reporting process. Accordingly, the District has placed reliance on its *external* auditors, who cannot by definition be

considered a part of the District's internal controls.

Cause: This condition was caused by the District's decision that it is more cost

effective to have the external auditors recommend the necessary adjusting journal entries to its general ledger than to incur the time and expense of obtaining the necessary training and expertise required to the

District to perform this task internally.

Effect: As a result of this condition, the District lacks internal controls over the

recording, processing, and summarizing of accounting data, and instead

relies, in part, on its external auditors for assistance with this task.

Recommendation: The District should record journal entries to reflect the cash to accrual

adjustments and revenue reclassification prior to preparing trial balances

to be used for preparation of year end financial statements.

District's Response: The District has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal

controls over the recording, processing, and summarizing of accounting data, and determined that it is in the best interests of the District to rely

on its external auditors to recommend the necessary adjustments.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that result in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we consider Findings 2008-1, 2008-2, and 2008-3 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated September 25, 2008.

The District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the preceding paragraphs. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, others within the organization, the Board of Education and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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September 25, 2008

Superintendent and Members of the Board of Education Mackinac Island Public School Mackinac Island, MI

In planning and performing our audit of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of *Mackinac Island Public School* (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies and two significant deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses. These deficiencies have been documented in the *Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards*. Certain other matters related to operational or administrative efficiencies and improvements to internal controls are included on the following pages.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education, management, and others within the organization, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

This letter does not affect our report dated September 25, 2008 on the financial statements of the District.

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COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

JUNE 30, 2008

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

We noted during audit procedures applied to salaries, that certain teacher contracts had not been signed. The teacher contracts are the document binding the relationship between the District and its employees. A signed contract should be obtained from each teacher and placed in their personnel file at the beginning of each contract period. We recommend the related documents be signed and in future years, signed contracts be obtained before the first payroll of the District's calendar year is disbursed.

BUDGETING

We noted during the assistance that we provide in preparing the financial statements, that the District does not budget for federal revenues. The District receives federal revenue annually for Flowthrough and other grants. We recommend a budget line item be established to include Federal grants anticipated to be collected in each fiscal year.

CHECKS ISSUED PRIOR TO BOARD APPROVAL

While performing audit procedures related to cash disbursements, we noted normal recurring invoices that become due prior to a Board meeting have historically been issued prior to Board approval to meet the payment deadlines. The Board receives a listing of all checks issued at the Board meetings and approves the payments including those issued prior to the Board presentation. To prevent potential unauthorized payments, we recommend that a formal policy be adopted to describe the types of recurring payments that may be released prior to Board approval. We noted that a formal policy has not yet been adopted on checks issued prior to Board approval; however, we noted that supporting documentation for those checks issued between Board meetings was available to the Board if requested. As noted above, we recommend that the Board adopt a formal policy on checks issued prior to Board approval.

PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS REVISITED

BANK ACCOUNT

During our audit procedures, we noted that the Mackinac Island Education Association has a bank account at First National Bank of St. Ignace. This account is under the Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) of the *Mackinac Island Public School*. However, the District did not account for this bank account in its accounting records. We recommended that the District require the Mackinac Island Education Association open an account using its own EIN.

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HOT LUNCH FUND ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

We noted that the District held approximately \$3,300 in outstanding hot lunch accounts receivable as of June 30, 2007. Students and teachers are invoiced monthly for meals purchased the previous month. These balances are not monitored on a monthly basis resulting in certain amounts significantly past due. This may result in certain balances becoming uncollectible. Alternatively, we recommend students and employees be billed "in advance" for the number of meals to be served that month. If the student or employee does not use the meals billed, the balance could carry over to the following month. Balances would be expected to be collected within the first 10 school days of the month, or no further meals would be served without payment. This would ensure that the District receives payment for meals served. Further, we recommend that the outstanding balances be monitored weekly with follow-up on all outstanding balances. This will ensure that all balances billed are collected and no uncollectible amounts are required to be written off. As of June 30, 2008, no significant changes have been made to the method in which the hot lunch receivables are being monitored. We continue to recommend that these accounts be monitored weekly with follow-up on all outstanding balances.

VENDOR PAYMENTS

Because there are only two employees within the accounting function – the Superintendent and the Office Manager, the documentation procedures related to the review and approval for payment of vendor invoices has generally by verbal. This however, provides no audit trail in terms of whether the expenditures were processed in accordance with the Districts purchase policy. To protect both the Office Manager and the Superintendent from potential opportunities for impropriety, we recommend that a formal process be documented and followed with respect to the purchasing system of the District.

Specifically, each invoice should be stamped when it is received with a template that would allow for the documentation of initials of approval, date of Board approval of payment, date of payment, general ledger account charged, and check number issued. Each processing date (generally weekly, biweekly or monthly), a folder of invoices to be paid should be presented to the Superintendent who would review each invoice for propriety and initial indicating approval for presentation to the Board for payment. A listing of approved invoices should then be presented to the Board for approval prior to issuing the checks for payment. The listing should be initialed by the Board Treasurer. Once approved, the checks would be run and notation would be made on the invoices of the check number, account charged and date of payment after which the paid invoices would be filed alphabetically by vendor name. This procedure will provide management with assurance that all checks issued are appropriately approved for payment and an appropriate audit trail would be provided. We noted during our audit procedures for the year ended June 30, 2008, that our recommendations are being followed. We would continue to recommend that a formal purchasing process be documented for future use in the event of changes in personnel or Board members.

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GASB 34 FUND

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 required governmental entities, such as schools, to present certain information in District-wide financial statements. The District successfully implemented GASB 34 for its year ending June 30, 2004. A separate fund is to be setup in order to account for GASB 34 requirements. However, the District currently does not have this fund set up on its trial balance. While the State of Michigan does not yet require this fund to be included in the District's accounting records, we recommended, and continue to recommend, that the District create this fund on its trial balance and adjust it annually.

STATE CHART OF ACCOUNTS

The District does not follow the state chart of accounts for its account numbering system, which requires a second set of numbers to be maintained. In an effort to better comply with the requirements of the state, we recommended in the prior year that the District work toward changing the numbering system to more closely follow the state requirements. During fiscal 2007, within the parameters allowed by the number of account number digits allowed by Quickbooks, the District has converted their account numbering system to more closely reflect the state requirements which has aided the Office Manager in preparing the FID for submission. The District did make the changes possible in Quickbooks during 2008, and has made additional changes in summer 2008 as they transition to the use of SDS accounting software.

OTHER MATTERS

MICHIGAN FINANCE QUALIFYING STATEMENT

All governmental units subject to the Revised Municipal Finance Act (PA34 of 2001) must submit a Michigan Finance Qualifying Statement that allows governmental units to be eligible to apply for financing during the fiscal year. The District must submit their qualifying statement electronically using the Michigan Department of Treasurer's website. The Office manager must contact the Local Audit Finance Division of the Department of Treasury to establish a password to access the system and electronically submit their qualifying statement. The qualifying statement is due to the Michigan Department of Treasury by December 31, 2008.

ELECTRONICALLY FILING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Michigan Department of Treasury has issued Numbered Letter 2005-2 which requires (under the authority of Michigan Compiled Law 141.427(1) that all audits required in accordance with Public Act 2 of 1968 and Public Act 71 of 1919 be submitted electronically to the Treasury in a Portable Document Format (pdf) compatible with Adobe Acrobat. We have provided the necessary information, in this electronic format, to the Office Manager to enable the District to comply. The financial statements must be submitted by December 31, 2008.

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SEC RULE 15C-12 DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

SEC Rule No. 240.15c2-12 requires issuers of municipal securities in principal amounts of \$1 million or more or whose outstanding aggregate debt exceeds \$10 million, to report financial and operational information as well as notice of material events to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories annually. The District is subject to these reporting requirements. We recommend you contact your bond counsel who will generally assist in the preparation and timely submission of the annual disclosures required.

CONCLUSION

It has been a pleasure to provide audit services to *Mackinac Island Public School*. Thank you for providing all requested information.

We appreciate your business! Thank you.